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Concerning

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S I R,

AFTER you had favour'd me with an Honourable Account of your Neighbour Mr. *Lloyd*, in relation to his Character in *Surry*; you are pleas'd to demand of me, What Foundation there is in his Sermon for all this Noise and Clamour?

Truly, Sir, I shall give you in few words an honest and just Answer: Even no Foundation at all. But lest that should not be satisfactory to those who heard not the Sermon, I shall acquaint you as briefly as I can, both with what he did, and what he did not say.

His Text was, *Our Soul is escaped as a Bird out of the Snare of the Fowler: The Snare is broken, and we are deliver'd.*

After he had discours'd on the Words, as they related to the famous Deliverance of the *Jews* by *Cyrus* from their Captivity, he apply'd them to the great Occasion of the Day, our double Danger, and our double Deliverance; using these or the like Expressions:

“ It is evident that the same Merciful and
 “ Almighty God, who to shew his Power
 “ harden'd the Heart of *Pharaoh* that he
 “ would not let the People of *Israel* go, did
 “ now to manifest his Mercy and Goodness
 “ melt the Heart of *Cyrus* to let the Captive
 “ *Jews* return in so gracious and bountiful a
 “ manner: which was as great an Argument

“ and Instance of his Power and Mercy, as
 “ his sending and directing of late years our
 “ most Gracious King *William* of blessed Me-
 “ mory, another *Cyrus*, to break the Bonds pre-
 “ par’d for *Europe* by his pretended Holiness,
 “ and subdue the most Christian Tyrant ;
 “ those pestilent Scourges of *Christendom*,
 “ and Plagues of Mankind.—

“ By how much any thing is more false
 “ and unreasonable, it requires so much more
 “ Cruelty to establish it ; and to impose what
 “ is absurd, against the Sense, Reason, and
 “ Consciences of Men, there must be some-
 “ what done that is inhuman and barbarous.”

He then reminded us of the bloody Barba-
 rities in the Reign of *Queen Mary*, Fire and
 Faggot being a compendious way of silencing
 Hereticks. After which he took notice of
 the Design of the *Spanish Armada*, and the
 many Plots and Rebellions against the good
 Protestant *Queen Elizabeth* : then of the Pow-
 der-Traytors ; where speaking of *Garnet* the
 Provincial of the Jesuits, as the principal Pro-
 jector of that monstrous Treason, he told us,
 That tho he was most deservedly hang’d here,
 yet at *Rome* he was Sainted ; and that *St. Lu-*
cifer, *St. Satan*, *St. Belzebub*, would sound as
 well as *St. Garnet*.

He then touch’d at the Popish Rebellions
 and Cruelties in *Ireland* in the Reign of King
Charles I. carry’d on by Popish Mony and Po-
 pish Interest ; which sowing the Seeds of Civil
 War

War in *Scotland*, soon broke in hither, and at length destroy'd our Constitution both in Church and State.

“ Since that, as he observ'd, how notoriously have our most excellent Laws been
 “ wire-drawn by traitorous Glosses and arbitrary Interpretations? even to the perpetration of the vilest Murders upon the Noblest and Best Patriots of the Land, such
 “ as the Great Lord *Russel*, Col. *Sidney*, &c. Names that will be ever dear to all true
 “ Lovers of their Country's Welfare, the Church and the Monarchy, and at the
 “ same time terrible to Tyrants, and to the Abettors of Tyranny: which Slavish Cause
 “ hath at length receiv'd its Overthrow by the excellent Pen of the Learned Mr. *Hoadley*, who has put to silence the Ignorance of
 “ those foolish Men.—

“ It was not indeed (said he) come to open Violence, but the pretended Dispensing Power, back'd with that slavish Doctrine of unconditional Passive Obedience (slavish indeed, as 'twas manag'd by some) had well nigh put an end to all our good and wholesom Laws; so that there wanted only Instruments of Cruelty: and tho they could not readily be found in *England*, yet there was just ground to fear them from *France* or *Ireland*——They having try'd all other Ways and Methods, of Promises and Threatnings, Hopes and Fears, Rewards

“wards and Punishments, by Messengers and
 “Closetting, by Loss of Places, &c.”

When he came towards the Conclusion, he had these Words, or at least the Sense of them : “And now, my Beloved, by the
 “great Trust committed to my charge, I
 “think my self oblig’d to remind you of
 “the great Dangers we were all lately in,
 “and to declare my Abhorrence of the Tumults, Riots, and Rebellions, stir’d up by
 “desperate Villains, against her Sacred Majesty, against the *Hanover* Succession, and
 “against all that is dear to Protestants.

“The more effectually to perform which,
 “the poor ignorant common People (like *Demetrius’s* Followers, the most part of whom
 “knew not wherefore they were come together) have been rais’d into an unaccountable
 “Rebellion, with their mouths full of these unintelligible Watch-words, such as *High-Church* or *Low-Church*, *The Queen* and *The Doctor*.”

“Among these you have all the Jacobites, Nonjurors, and Papists, sworn Enemies to
 “our Good Queen *Anne*, and the present Constitution both in Church and State, furiously and madly implacable at the Protestant
 “Succession, the glorious Union, and the gentle Toleration.”

He then reckon’d up some of the Mischiefs which would necessarily attend such prevailing Madness, such as Unlimited Arbitrary Power,
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Unconditional Passive Obedience, abject vile Slavery, a Popish Inquisition to force Mens Consciences, Fire and Faggot in *Smithfield*, *French* Government with a Frenchify'd Popish Pretender, and all the numberless Evils of Tyranny and Slavery, Wooden Shoes or none at all, &c. while *Low-Church* (since we must have a Nickname) is the very Reverse of all these terrible Evils.

As to the *Queen* and the *Doctor*, said he,
 “ In the name of Wonder ! Her Sacred Ma-
 “ jesty and a Criminal ! a Criminal convict at
 “ the Bar of the most August and Illustrious
 “ Court of Judicature in the whole World !

“ But since (pardoning the Levity of the
 “ Expression) they will *Tack* and put the
 “ Doctor upon us, we read in the same Scrip-
 “ ture of that most Holy Name J E S U S—
 “ and *Barabbas*, who for a certain Sedition
 “ and for Murder was cast into Prison : We
 “ read also of C H R I S T and *Belial*, of J E-
 “ S U S and the *Devil*, of G O D and *Mam-*
 “ *mon*. Thus Contraries tack'd together do
 “ make a more visible and conspicuous Di-
 “ stinction.

Farther than this, so far as I can recollect,
 he said not. I am confident he spoke not one
 word of *Hereditary* or *Legal Right*, or the *Ori-*
ginal of Power.

Not one word of the Reverend, Learned,
 Pious Dr. *Henry Sacheverel*, whom, our Li-
 beller says three or four times over, he was
 pleas'd

pleas'd to dignify with the Titles of *Incendiary*, *Villain*, and *Barabbas* in plain words ; besides other gross Abuses by Innuendo's and odious Comparisons : saving only *convict Criminal*, as said before.

Not a word of Dr. *Sacheverel*'s occasioning the late Alterations.

Not a word of her Majesty's changing some of her Servants—or Ministers.

Not a word of the Doctor's occasioning the Dissolution of the best of Parliaments : indeed there's hardly one word thro the whole Libel publish'd against Mr. *Lloyd* true.

And because I wou'd not trust too much to my own Memory, I got two or three Neighbours who also heard the Sermon, to assist me in recalling these things to mind. I cannot therefore but agree with your Letter, that our Libeller is a *Sturdy Liar*.

But it seems our Preacher is threaten'd in the other Libel with Captain *Tom* and his Gentry, and with the Queen's Messengers. He hopes (I believe) that the Noble Captain and his Gentry are Protestants of the Church of *England*, and that there are no *French* and *Irish* Popish Cut-throats among them ; and then he hath nothing to fear from them. And as for the Queen's Messengers, he is assur'd of their Protection, because he hath given her Sacred Majesty his unfeigned Oath for his Duty and Allegiance.

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I am Yours.

